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CHAPTER 112

AN ACT to create 66.919 (20) of the statutes, to make group health insurance available to political subdivisions on an optional basis.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

66.919 (20) of the statutes is created to read:

66.919 (20) LOCAL HEALTH INSURANCE. (a) The board shall make the group health insurance provided pursuant to this section available to any municipality as defined in s. 66.901 (2). The board shall have the option of providing such insurance under a separate contract.

(b) All provisions of this section pertaining to the state and to state employes with respect to group health insurance shall be applicable to such municipalities as act to be included hereunder and to the employes thereof.

(c) The governing body of any municipality may elect to provide group health insurance pursuant to this section for the employes thereof by the adoption of a resolution in the form prescribed by the board. A certified copy of such resolution shall be filed with the director and if received on or before November 15 in any year shall be effective as of the beginning of the ensuing calendar year.

(d) The definition of "employee" includes:

1. The personnel of any participating municipality as defined in s. 66.901 (3) who meet the requirements of sub. (4) other than state employment, or who are included under a retirement plan pursuant to s. 61.65 or 62.13 (9) or (10).

2. In cities of the first class and counties having a population of 500,000 or more any person included under a retirement system for such city or county whose current employment or official status has continued for 6 months.

(e) Each municipality may pay any part of the cost for its personnel. The board shall determine the method of administration including the procedure for the collection of premiums and municipality costs. The board shall provide for pooling the employer costs which shall be determined separately for all employes covered under this subsection.

(f) A resolution adopted pursuant to par. (c) shall be in effect only if the board determines that 75 per cent of the eligible personnel in that municipality shall be covered at the time such resolution is effective. If a resolution is nullified by insufficient participation, another resolution may be submitted after a lapse of 6 months from the previous filing.

(g) The terms "immediate annuity" and "disability annuity" shall also include any such annuity provided under a retirement system in that municipality as determined by the board.

(h) The governing body of any municipality may repeal any resolution enacted pursuant to par. (c), to be effective at the end of the calendar year if such rescinding resolution is received by the board 90 days prior to the end of the calendar year, otherwise at the end of the next calendar year.

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